

Building Rules and Expectations



Some of the expected practices in Parliament House are not listed on signs or are long standing traditions. To support our visitors, this is a list of the building rules and expectations.

General Rules

- Do not touch artwork or objects, unless told otherwise.
- Photographs are permitted during tours on non-sitting days, but:
 - do not photograph under 18s or anyone who cannot consent to being in an image; and
 - do not photograph Members or staff working in the building unless given permission to do so.
- Photography is not permitted on sitting days.
- Use indoor voice volumes in corridors, the building is a working building.
- School bags are strongly discouraged to speed up the security process. Consider consolidating lunches or other supplies into tubs. Essential medical supplies and first aid kits can be carried on tours by teachers and support staff.
- Food and drink are not permitted on tours, other than water bottles.
- Schools cannot bring worksheets on a tour.
- Pens and pencils are not permitted on tours.
- Always stay with your tour guide – the building is not open access.

Locker and Public Bathroom Area

- Do not touch or lean on the large artwork or student work displays.
- There is a student budgeting activity in this zone. Do not litter budget packets on the floor.

House of Assembly and Legislative Council Chambers

- Do not press any buttons.
- Do not touch the microphones.
- Do not touch books or other objects unless told otherwise.
- Do not kick the footrests.
- Do not open Members' drawers or go through their desks – they are personal belongings.
- Do not touch the bars.
- Do not leave notes in Members' desks.
- Respect the furnishings and woodwork – do not bang on desks.
- There is no access to the Chamber floor on sitting days.

Public Galleries on Sitting Days

We advise that there is police security presence in the public galleries on sitting days.

- Stand on the Speaker/President's arrival.
- Stay seated otherwise.
- Nod to the Speaker/President on your entry (if arriving when they are already seated) and exit.
- Hats are not permitted.
- Photography is not permitted.
- Visitors must be silent while observing proceedings.
- Mobile phones must be on silent.
- Political materials and banners are prohibited.